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in re PATENT application of)
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 FOR A VEHICLE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

–5. (New) A roll connector structure for a vehicle including a stator side casing which is fixed to a steering column side member, a rotor side casing which is mounted to the stator side casing and rotates integrally with a steering wheel, and a cable which is accommodated between the stator side casing and the rotor side casing,

wherein at least one steering switch is electrically connected to a surface of a driver's side of the rotor side casing without wiring.

6. (New) A roll connector structure for a vehicle according to claim 5, wherein the rotor side casing has at least one connector on the surface of a driver's side thereof, and the at least one steering switch has a plug portion corresponding to the at least one connector.